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SUBJ: SAG MOVES TO CURB SOWETO TENSION.

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1. CITING "CONTINUED AGITATION AND INTIMIDATION" IN SOWETO
SAG MINISTER OF JUSTICE JIMMY KRUGER ANNOUNCED JULY 15 THAT
AFRICAN SCHOOLS WILL NOT REOPEN JULY 20 AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.
KRUGER ALSO INVOKED PREVENTIVE DETENTION SECTION OF INTERNAL
SECURITY ACT AND UNLIMITED BANNING OF ALL GATHERING
AS OF JULY 16. KRUGER ADDED THAT STRONG POLICE UNITS WILL
BE ON HAND "TO PROTECT LAW ABIDING CITIZENS AND PROPERTY AT
ALL COSTS AND TO DO SO WITH ALL THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL".

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2. ADDRESSING ISSUE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER DETENTION, KRUGER SAID 14 HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED, AND AN ADDITIONAL 14 WILL BE RELEASED JULY 16 AFTER CHARGES ARE DROPPED, AND THE 6 REMAINING STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE FREE AFTER CHARGES ARE WITHDRAWN.

3. COMMENT: RUMORS OF SCHOOL STRIKE AND OTHER PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS ARE RIFE WITHIN BLACK COMMUNITY. SAG IS INVOKING PREVENTIVE DETENTION SECTION OF INTERNAL SECURITY BILL FOR FIRST TIME TO DEAL WITH BLACK DISCONTENT.
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